वृत्ति रोकने के लिए उपचारात्मक उपायों की जांच की जा रही है ।

Vayudoot service from Vajayawada to Guntur

907. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received any representation from the people of Guntur District for the introduction of Vayudoot service from Vijayawada to Guntur; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No representation from the people of Guntur District for the introduction of a Vayudoot service from Vijayawada to Guntur has been received by the Government in the recent past.

(b) Does not arise.

Request for Connecting Guntur with Superfast Delhi-Madras Trains

908. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any Memorandum/representation in the recent past from the people of Guntur District in Andhra Pradesh to connect Guntur with Delhi-Madras and Howrah-Madras by running super-fast expresS trains via that city;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. There have been representations to route long distance superfast trains via Guntur.

(c) Diversion of the trains will increase the journey time by at least 2 hours as it involves change in traction from Electric to Diesel/Steam, reversal of engine apart from longer distance and higher fares which will inconvenience the long distance passengers.

Standing Committee to promote Family Welfare

909. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an eleven Members Standing Committee on voluntary action to promote community participation in family welfare programmes has recently been constituted; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Standing Committee for Support to Voluntary Organisations engaged in activities connected with family welfare has been constituted on 17th June, 1986, under the Chairmanship of the Chairman, Central Social Welfare Board, New Delhi and consisting of four officials (ex-officers) from the Government of India and, seven non-official members, who are active in the field of voluntary action. The term of office of non-official members will be 3 years with 1/3rd of the members relinquishing office every year. The committee is to guide the voluntary organisations at the grass-root level in the rural areas and urban slums in identifying and preparing suitable projects and consider applications received from them for setting up family welfare projects relating to MCH, Family

Planning, Improvement in Health standards and also those projects which integrate the present activities of voluntary organisations with Family Welfare and recommend those found feasible to Government for release of grant-in-aid. The grant-in-aid will be limited to Rs. one lakh per project and the project period may be for one year to a maximum of three years.

Circular Train between Guntur-Tenali-Vijayawada

910. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Circular Train between Guntur-Tenali-Vijaywada for the benefit of the people of this area; and

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

I.S.O. Container Depot at Ahmedabad

911. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal was initiated about three years ago for opening an ISO container Depot at Ahmedabad to facilitate export-import trade, if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether the Western Railways had selected the site at Thaltej Ahmedabad for the purpose, if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether the Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation has started land acquisition proceedings in consultation with Railway authorities; and

(d) if so, what is the latest position of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. A preliminary feasibility study was conducted in October, 1980 to examine its justification, the estimate of traffic expected, and suitable sites for its location.

(b) Yes, Sir. The site at Thaltej was considered the most suitable for location of an I.C.D.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Acquisition of the land suffered a set back as some of the land owners filed a writ in the Gujarat High Court which stayed the land acquistion proceedings.

A/C Chair Car facility in Meter-Gauge Trains

912. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for not providing A/C Chair Car facility in trains running on metre gauge; and

(b) whether Government propose to introduce this facility in the near future, if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) At present, there are no Metre Gauge Air-conditioned Chair Cars on the Indian Railways, and there are no proposals to build them. Some Air-Conditioned 2-tier Sleeper coaches have been introduced on the Metre Gauge on certain important Mail and Express trains.